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Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.—What steps Government propose to take to stabilise the prices of millets?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I would like to draw the attention of the Hon'ble Member to a passage in the Five-Year Plan wherein the Planning Commission also envisages that there should be stability of prices for the agricultural commodities.

Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.—I want to know what steps Government of Mysore desire to take to stabilise the prices of foodgrains in Mysore State?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—That question has not yet prominently arisen. The open market price is quite favourable to the agriculturist. Only when the question arises Government will consider it.

Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.—When Government issued procurement prices for paddy, why did they not fix voluntary procurement price for millet?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Government wanted to experiment and find out how this would work and it was much easier to assess the result so far as paddy is concerned. So far as ragi and jola are concerned, that question has not prominently arisen. Government may consider that question also when it comes up before them.

Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.—Is it not a fact that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the agriculturists grow millets and only $\frac{1}{4}$ grow paddy?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—It is true.

Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.—Is it not a fact that navane is sold at Rs. 15 per bag?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Navane is a very minor millet.

Mr. SPEAKER.—If you see the list, even in the previous year there was no procurement of this millet.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—Purchase depots in Shikarpur, Thirthahalli are

not functioning properly; has it come to your notice?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I will examine.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—Is there any Press report—report in 'Prajavani'?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I have got a report from the Director of Food Supplies stating that all available steps are taken.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—Will the Government draw the attention of the Deputy Commissioner to the report in the Press?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Yes, they will be instructed.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Has any grain been lent to any Government outside)?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—We have. At the instance of Government of India we have given 20,000 tons of rice to Travancore-Cochin with a condition that if we need it, it will have to be returned. It is not settled whether it should be outright sale or loan.

Applications for pump sets in Malur Taluk.

Q.—9. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of applications received for rural electrification and irrigation pump sets in Malur Taluk in the last two years;

(b) the number sanctioned so far;

(c) the reasons for not sanctioning others;

(d) whether they have been following any definite policy in the matter of rural electrification and supply of irrigation pumps through electricity?

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(a) Rural Electrification .. 12
Irrigation Pump Sets .. 66

(b) Rural Electrification .. 1
Irrigation Pump Sets .. 20

(c) The main reasons are (1) poor revenue return in the case of rural electrification schemes. (2) The cost per H.P. being above Rs. 1,000 in the case of Irrigation Pumping Sets. In some cases, the limited Budget Grants are the cause of delay in sanctioning.

(d) Yes.

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Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—You have been pleased to state that 20 applications for pump sets have been sanctioned. How long back they were sanctioned?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—I believe they were all sanctioned during the current year.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Are the Government aware that on account of the low capacity of the sub-station at Malur not a single pumpset has been given to any applicant for the last one year and a half?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—I would like to have notice for that.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Are the Government aware that the conversion of 25 cycles to 50 cycles has very seriously handicapped the installation of pumpsets in Malur Taluk and other parts of the Kolar District?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—I believe so.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—You have been pleased to say 'yes' to the question whether they have been following a definite policy in the matter of rural electrification and supply of irrigation pumpsets through electricity. What is the policy, may I know?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—The policy is that in the case of rural electrification schemes, all estimates yielding 5 per cent return in the case of Malnad areas and 7.5 per cent in the case of Maidan areas are sanctioned. That is the policy with regard to rural electrification. With regard to pumping sets, if the cost per H.P. is less than Rs. 1,000, the scheme is taken up. If it is more than Rs. 1,000 it is not taken up.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Have the Government been receiving demands on the part of the public that this fixing of a minimum of Rs. 1,000 has been working as a serious hardship and that it should be enhanced to Rs. 1,500?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Yes.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Will the Government consider them favourably?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—It will be considered.

Community Projects.

Q.—157. Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many Community Projects have been started in the State;

(b) what is the amount allotted for each project;

(c) what is the amount spent so far in each project on surface wells, drainage, veterinary service, irrigation, village housing, hospitals and roads (amounts to be given separately);

(d) what is the amount spent on administration and organizers?

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(a) One.

(b) Amount allotted for the Project period of three years is Rs. 55,51,000.

(c) Total amount spent up to end of September 1953, under heads other than Establishment, etc., is Rs. 72,331. Details of expenditure under the particular items of work have been called for and will be furnished.

(d) Amount spent on Administration and field workers is Rs. 77,081.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Are the Government in a position to give information as to the amounts spent in respect of the works carried out under the heads I have given—namely, surface wells, drainage, veterinary service, etc.